

THE END OF VAN WORMERS

Preparations Being Made For Execution of the Three Brothers.

OLDEST IS TO DIE FIRST.

Counsel For the Condemned Young Men Has Given Up All Hope. Stepmother to Pay Them a Final Visit.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Preparations for the execution of the three Van Wormer brothers at Clinton prison, Dannemora, on Thursday, Oct. 1, are under way. It is now the intention of Warden Deyo to have Willis, the oldest of the trio, go to the chair first, as it is believed that the two younger brothers have the most nerve and will be less likely to collapse under the strain of waiting for their turn to come.

The hour set for the witnesses and physicians to assemble is 11:15 a. m., and the hour of execution is stated as noon, but it is probable that the first of the trio will be brought to the chair at 11:40 a. m., and it is believed that the three can be put to death in ten or fifteen minutes from the time the first one enters the death chamber.

Dr. Spitzka, the brain specialist of New York who performed the autopsy on the body of Colquhoun, the murderer of President McKinley, will perform the autopsy on the bodies of the three brothers, and several other physicians and surgeons of state and national reputation will be present.

All Hope Abandoned. Judge J. Ryder Cady, counsel for the Van Wormer boys, promised them when he saw them last that when he knew beyond all doubt that there was no further hope for them he would write them to that effect. Judge Cady wrote a letter a few days ago, stating that there is now no further hope for them and sent it to Warden Deyo, asking the warden to read it to them if he thought best.

Warden Deyo took the letter into the death house and handed it to Willis, who calmly read it through. Warden Deyo then asked Willis if there was any answer to be sent to Judge Cady. Willis replied: "Wait until the other boys have read it."

Fred and Burton then read the letter, and Burton spoke up, saying, "I'll answer the Judge."

He has accordingly written a letter to Judge Cady, presumably thanking him for his efforts made in their behalf.

Stepmother of Boys to Visit Them. Albany, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Van Wormer, the devoted stepmother of the three brothers who are to die in the electric chair at Clinton prison on Thursday for the murder of their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck, will see the condemned young men on Monday or Tuesday. She must see them not later than Wednesday morning, as no relative will be allowed to see them within twenty-four hours of their execution. She has not seen them since they were taken to prison from the Hudson jail. Notice has been received here that the execution will take place on Thursday at noon.

Daring Jail Break at Penn Yan, N. Y. Elmira, N. Y., Sept. 28.—A daring jail break occurred at Penn Yan, N. Y., where since last June the county jail had held a prisoner styled John Doe, arrested for burglary. The sheriff went to look for him in his cell and failed to see the man, who stood back in a dark corner. To make sure that he was safe the sheriff entered the cell, when the prisoner suddenly slipped out, locked the door and made his escape.

Anarchists Again Active. London, Sept. 28.—A special dispatch from Geneva says the police there have arrested an anarchist named Bartoloni, who is accused of complicity in a plot to kill King Alfonso. A rumor is current in the inner circles of foreign anarchists in London that a plot has been formed to assassinate the sultan of Turkey.

Suspected of Attacking President. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 28.—This village was badly startled by a report that two Italians had been arrested in connection with a plot to assassinate President Roosevelt. Upon investigation it was found that the story rested upon no surer foundation than the arrest of two Italians for shooting robbers.

Mall to Cuba Cheaper. Washington, Sept. 28.—First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne has issued an order putting into effect on Oct. 9 the terms of the new postal treaty between the United States and Cuba. The treaty provides for the transfer of mails from one country to the other at domestic rates.

Burglars Get Much Plunder. Ogdensburg, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Canadian officers are here looking for five burglars who entered Hooley's jewelry store at Frankfort, Ont., taking over \$3,000 worth of stock. The burglars escaped to this side of the river with their plunder.

New York Judge Appointed. Albany, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Governor Odell has designated Judge Edwin A. Nash of Avon, Livingston county, to be a justice of the appellate division, fourth department, vice William H. Adams, who has resigned on account of sickness.

FINE HAUL MADE

Leader of Dangerous Counterfeit Band Caught in Michigan.

Marquette, Wis., Sept. 28.—Officers have confiscated one of the largest and most complete counterfeit money making outfits ever taken in the country near Koss, Mich., on the Wisconsin and Michigan railway. They have also captured the leader and have taken him to Marquette, Mich., for trial in the United States court. The den of the counterfeiters was a small shanty on an isolated road two miles from Koss. Their outfit was a complete one and consisted of dies for the manufacture of silver from 10 cents up to a dollar and gold from \$5 to \$20.

The officers regard it as a most important capture. The gang, posing as trappers, have for several years been shipping the counterfeit marked "iron" to all parts of the country. It was sent out from Stephenson, Mich. Further investigation, it is thought, will reveal a complete system for distributing the bogus money throughout the country. The coin was well made and hard to detect, both silver and gold being used in the composition.

PANIC AT CONEY ISLAND.

Escaped Lion Frightens Real Sensation to the Beach.

New York, Sept. 28.—Thousands of visitors to Coney Island were thrown into a panic by the escape from an amusement park of a lion, which ran through the crowded streets, pursued by police and animal trainers until he was driven into a corner and secured.

The lion on being brought out of his cage to go through a ring performance with an elephant suddenly became enraged and, leaping on the elephant's back, buried his teeth and claws in the big brute's shoulder. Trampling loudly, the elephant rushed round the ring and finally succeeded in gripping the lion with his trunk, tore him from his hold and hurled him into a lagoon near by. By this time the terrified audience had fled and had communicated the panic to the crowds in the street. The lion scrambled half drowned out of the lagoon and leaped through a window into a barroom and thence to the street. When recaptured the lion appeared to be weary and was probably more frightened than any of his pursuers.

Torpedo Boats Off on Long Trip.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Orders have been issued detaching the first torpedo boat flotilla from the north Atlantic fleet that it may prepare to proceed to the Asiatic station via the Suez canal. This flotilla is in command of Lieutenant Lloyd H. Chandler and comprises the torpedo boat destroyers Decatur, Barry, Bainbridge, Chauncey and Dale. They will fit out at Norfolk for their voyage and will go under convoy of the Baltimore. The trip of the destroyers is the longest ever attempted by an American vessel of this type. They will be permanently attached to the Asiatic station.

Murder Mystery in New York.

New York, Sept. 28.—The police are confronted with a mystery in the murderous assault on Frederick Adrian Verduin, an employee of a private detective agency. Verduin died in Roosevelt hospital from a fracture of the skull. Verduin was at one time employed by the Holland Submarine Boat company as consulting engineer. He had also done some newspaper work in this city and for a time was a clerk in the Brooklyn navy yard. He is said to have been a graduate of Annapolis academy.

New Naval Appointments.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Secretary Moody is expected to announce shortly the appointment of Commander William J. Barnette of the general board to succeed Captain W. S. Cowles as assistant chief of the bureau of navigation. Captain Cowles is to command the battleship Missouri, now nearing completion at Newport News. The Missouri will not be commissioned until January.

Grave Charges Against a Preacher.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 28.—Rev. C. D. Whalen, a Baptist preacher who has been occupying various pulpits in this city from time to time for six months, has been lodged in jail on a charge of having deserted his wife and four children and having eloped with Mrs. Jennie H. Clark, member of a Plattsburg (N. Y.) church over which he formerly presided.

Horse Causes Two Deaths.

Geneva, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Jackson Van Tassel and Frank Lord have been killed at the crossing of the New York Central here. The horse they were driving either became unmanageable or they attempted to cross ahead of the train. Both men had their necks broken and skulls fractured.

Greenville, S. C., Visited by Fire.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 28.—Fire at Greenville, S. C., has totally destroyed the Brewer Printing company and the Daily Herald and also damaged the Edward furniture house. The entire loss is estimated at \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

Odd Fellows' Next Meeting.

Baltimore, Sept. 28.—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows, which has been in session here for a week, has adjourned sine die to meet in San Francisco next year.

High Speed on German Railroad.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—A high speed trial over the Zossen experimental electric railroad has resulted in attaining a speed at the rate of over 117 miles per hour.

The Weather.

Fair; cooler; fresh to brisk south-west to northwest winds.

The Grocer's Friend.

Is he your friend or his own? He is neither if he offers you poor flour. He is both if he sells you Pillsbury's Best Flour.



THE FERGUSON MURDER.

Trace Search Made For Perpetrators of Fiendish Outrage.

Washington, Pa., Sept. 28.—Francis and Huston, who are under arrest, suspected of the fiendish murder with dynamite of Contractor Ferguson, are not, it is believed, the guilty principals, but evidence has been secured which tends to implicate them with the crime. The prevailing opinion seems to be that they were used as tools by the real perpetrators. Their stories of the manner in which they spent the day of the murder has been proved to be incorrect in several points and until they can prove an absolute alibi will be held by the authorities as at least under suspicion.

What amounts to martial law has been declared at Camp Ferguson by General Manager Norton, Sheriff Carothers and the county commissioners, and a strict watch is being kept over the 175 workmen because of the belief that the leader of the plot may not have escaped. As an incentive for the capture of the guilty ones the Ferguson Construction company has offered a reward of \$1,000. To this the county commissioners have added another \$1,000, and an additional \$500 is being raised by individual subscription.

Mr. Norton, in company with the sheriff and a number of detectives, has made a minute inspection of the scene of the tragedy, and many of the foreigners in camp have been closely questioned as to their knowledge of explosives.

The conclusion has been reached by the officers that the route taken by the robbers with the money was in the direction of the Pan Handle railroad, and all towns through which they might pass are on the keen outlook for suspicious looking persons. The only description of the man who was seen by Farmer Liggett carrying the satchel away from the spot where the mine was exploded is meager. It is as follows: White man about twenty-five years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight about 140 to 145 pounds, fairly well dressed, wore soft black hat, dark coat and light trousers. This description has been sent out broadcast.

Bookkeeper Martin is resting more comfortably, and the physicians at the Washington hospital say his condition is favorable.

WAYBILLED "ONE MAN."

Prisoner Sent by Express From Nebraska to Massachusetts.

Boston, Sept. 28.—The distinction of being the first prisoner ever sent by express and half way across the continent at that undoubtedly belongs to Floyd T. Ferris, who arrived here by American express from Columbus, Neb., en route to Lynn, where he is wanted for the larceny of \$250 from the company which transported him. Ferris was willing to return, so word was sent east that it would not be necessary to send an officer after him.

He was accordingly entered upon the regular way bill as "one man" consigned to "police, Lynn," at "owner's risk" and with "liability limited to actual value." He was placed in the express car with the messenger as guard. He was not handcuffed and was fed regularly, as a pet animal would be under similar conditions. Ferris says he enjoyed the trip, and he hopes to get his troubles straightened out and begin life anew.

Tried to Steal Governor's Child.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 28.—An attempt has been made to kidnap the eight-year-old daughter of Governor Mickey. While four of the governor's children were playing in front of the mansion an unknown man came along and tried to carry the oldest girl away. The other children clung to his clothes and screamed. The man was so badly frightened when he saw neighbors coming that he dropped the child and ran.

Protests Against Navy Decision.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Paymaster Harry E. Blisco, who was a member of the court rebuked by Rear Admiral Evans for its inadequate sentence in the case of Assistant Paymaster Rushworth Nicholson, has protested to Secretary Moody at the severity of Admiral Evans' language. Secretary Moody will investigate the matter.

We trust doctors. They trust Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

PEACE IN LABOR STRIFE

Parks and Buchanan Factions of Iron Workers Reconciled.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Declares That Labor Unions Are Being Made the Targets of Many Attacks—Denounces "Government by Injunction."

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 28.—Peace has been restored between the Buchanan and Parks factions in the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers at their annual convention. President Buchanan had scarcely called the convention to order in regular session when the Parks men expressed a desire to ignore the proceedings of their own convention and proceed in a regular way.

Then the convention took a formal vote on the motion to reconsider the vote by which Daniel Brophy, a member of local No. 2 and who held a proxy from Scranton, Pa., had been seated. Brophy was unseated by a good majority. As he arose to leave the hall Samuel Parks advanced toward him with extended hand. Brophy refused to shake hands with the New York walking delegate until the latter had apologized for the stinging words directed against Brophy on Thursday. Parks did, and when the door closed upon Brophy the convention settled down for the first peaceful session since they convened last Monday.

President Buchanan's Address. In his annual address President Buchanan said:

"There is now a systematic and organized effort of the press throughout the country to discredit labor unions because of their indifference to contract obligations, and such is the force with which these agencies of capital use this point that few organizations can succeed if they are once made the target."

President Buchanan asserted that within the last year "government by injunction" had assumed wider and more alarming proportions and recommended that the convention appoint a committee to advise with all the other labor organizations of the country for the purpose of effecting a conference to be held in the near future to consider definite action to be taken with respect to "this great and growing evil."

Wholesale Murder Attempted.

Stevensville, O., Sept. 28.—Two efforts have been made at a coal mine near here to wreck property and kill employees. It is thought to be the work of a discharged Italian who professed to be an anarchist. The electric motor standing at the mouth of the mine was started into the mine, and before it stopped great damage to the interior was done, and many miners had narrow escapes. A string of coal cars was started down the incline at the same time to wreck the tipples, but the cars jumped the track and went over the trestle. There is no clew to the perpetrator.

Woman Firebug Indicted.

Melrose, Mass., Sept. 28.—Under indictment for arson alleged to have been committed in the Hotel Granville here on Feb. 7 and 8, 1903, Mary Maloney has been arrested in Waterbury, Conn. She was employed in the hotel, and a week's police had been given her by Charles H. Cullis, the proprietor. In this last week five fires were set in the house—four in the cellar on Feb. 7, which were easily extinguished, and one in Mrs. Cullis' bedroom on Feb. 8, which caused \$500 damage. The motive, it is believed, was revenge.

The Deadly "Unloaded" Pistol.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 28.—Carl H. Fingall, seventeen years old, son of Carl A. Fingall of 116 Eastern avenue, this city, was accidentally shot and killed by a youth said by the police to be Fred Wilson, fifteen years old. The police say Wilson did not know the revolver was loaded and jokingly thrust the weapon into Fingall's face and pulled the trigger.

Judge Grosscup to Remain.

Columbus, O., Sept. 28.—Judge Peter S. Grosscup of Chicago, who is visiting in Columbus, has issued a statement saying that he will not resign from the United States circuit bench to accept the position of general counsel of the Northern Securities company or to represent the company in the pending litigation against it.

New Arbitrator in Venezuela Case.

The Hague, Sept. 28.—The czar has appointed M. de Martens, professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg, to be the third arbitrator in the claims of the allied powers against Venezuela for preferential treatment in place of the Portuguese appointee, whose illness has precluded his serving.

Kansas Women Win.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 28.—The state superintendent of public instruction has received reports which indicate that the women of Kansas have elected the majority of the members of the county school boards in the 2,000 districts of the state.

The Football Season Has Opened.

Winthrop, Minn., Sept. 28.—James Boswell, a well known athlete, was probably fatally injured in a game of football here, his neck being dislocated in a scrimmage. Another player had his ankle broken.

KING EDWARD NOT ILL.

American Rumor of Sovereign's Illness Denied in London.

London, Sept. 28.—The report published by a news agency in the United States that Sir Frederick Treves, surgeon in ordinary to the king, had been summoned to Balmoral castle, Scotland, to attend King Edward and that alarm had been caused thereby is incorrect. Sir Frederick was not "summoned" to Balmoral. He went there on a personal visit to the king, which is so far removed from any urgent professional summons that the London papers of Thursday last announced that "Sir Frederick Treves will leave for Balmoral on a visit to the king Saturday." Sir Frederick, who was surgeon in ordinary to his majesty when he was Prince of Wales, has kept up a keen friendship for the sovereign and has joined the party at Balmoral, which includes the Earl of Kilmorey, one of his majesty's most genial friends of boyhood.

Throughout the week his majesty exhibited the best of health and spirits, dividing his time between strenuous outdoor life and discussions with Premier Balfour and others regarding the composition of the new cabinet.

Sir Frederick Treves has retired from the practice of his profession.

"YELLOW JACK" IN TEXAS.

City of Laredo Quarantined Against by the Entire State.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 28.—There have been no developments in the yellow fever situation here beyond the vigorous measures taken by the authorities under the supervision of the United States marine hospital representatives and their assistants to place the city in the best possible sanitary condition. Several proclamations printed in English and Spanish have been issued by the chief health officer and the mayor of this place calling on the people to place their premises in a sanitary condition.

At Nuevo Laredo gendarmes have been placed at every block throughout the city and have been instructed to inquire frequently if any sickness exists and immediately notify the medical authorities in the case of any. Ten coach loads of passengers left for Saltillo, Mexico, and points south, that direction being the only point open for yellow fever refugees. It is announced that the entire state of Texas has been quarantined against Laredo. This practically isolates this city.

Fined For Using Native Language.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—Eight Polish women of culture belonging to a woman's club which held its meetings at the homes of its members have been fined at Gnesen, province of Posen, for refusing to submit the constitution of the society to the police in the German language, though they offered to furnish the authorities with a copy of the document in Polish. The editor of a paper published in the province of West Prussia has also been fined for asserting that a citizen of Karlsruhe, in the same province, had been imprisoned twenty-four hours because he did not know German.

Large Fortune For College.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 28.—Frederick M. Hubbell, one of the wealthiest citizens of the state of Iowa, his wife, Frances E. Hubbell, joining, has conveyed property to the value of about \$5,000,000 to himself and his sons, Frederick C. Hubbell and Grover C. Hubbell of Des Moines, "trustees of the said Frederick M. Hubbell estate," and to their successors in trust for the trustees and their lineal descendants, to be used in founding a college of learning in the city of Des Moines.

Government Employee Dismissed.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Through an order dismissing him from the government service it became known that James H. Beatty, for fifteen years assistant to the disbursing clerk in the office of the auditor for the war department, had been found short \$800 in his accounts. The shortage was made good by relatives living in Illinois, and Beatty was not prosecuted. He is forty-five years old and is said to have at one time resided in Mattoon, Ill.

No Disturbance in Saint Ste. Marie.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 28.—A special to the Dispatch from Saint Ste. Marie, Mich., says that careful inquiry fails to authenticate reports regarding destitution here on account of the closing of the Consolidated Lake Superior mills. The facts are that all men who want work can get it immediately, as employment agencies quickly secure all men anxious to go to work.

Charged With "Shanghaiing."

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 28.—Harry Cleon and Jack Johnson, a sailor boarding house keeper and his assistant, have been arrested by United States authorities charged with forcibly taking eight negroes of this city and putting them on board a Russian bark as sailors. The men are now penniless in London. Cleon was recently arrested for shanghaiing two white boys.

Another "Poison by Mail" Case.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Mary Davis has asked the Glens Falls police to locate the sender of a package of poisoned candy which she received through the mails a month ago at Saratoga. She believes that an attempt was made to take her life and accuses a woman.

Lynched For the Usual Crime.

Thomasville, Ga., Sept. 28.—A negro has been lynched about five miles north of Whigham, a town in Decatur county twenty miles west of here. The negro is alleged to have assaulted a small white girl.

CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS

Dun & Co. Report Continued Large Trade Throughout the Country.

SPECULATIVE MARKET DULL

Railroad Earnings Continue to Show Gains—Restricted Demand For Finished Steel and Iron—The Market For Farm Products.

New York, Sept. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Notwithstanding several unsatisfactory features, the volume of trade continues large and the distribution of merchandise taxes shipping facilities. Announcement of a concerted effort to restrict production of pig iron indicates that supplies have begun to accumulate. The security market has been dull, with a general decline and new low records for several issues. Railway earnings continue to show gains, for September thus far exceeding last year's by 8.7 per cent and those of 1901 by 17.2 per cent. Trifle blockades occur to some extent, although the movement of farm products is still unseasonably small. New labor controversies have begun, but a number of serious troubles have been averted, and on the whole the number of men idle voluntarily has diminished.

Enforced idleness in the iron and steel industry is more than offset by resumption of windmills at cotton mills, and there is great activity at foot wear factories, although the margin of profit is narrow. Lower prices for the leading agricultural staples indicate a general belief in improved crop prospects. Jobbing trade is still making good comparisons with previous years, and while the zenith has been passed in fall dry goods, it is still a satisfactory season. At many important points the weather has been more propitious for retail trade, and collections are fairly prompt considering the tightness of the money market. Bank exchanges at New York for the week were 38.7 per cent smaller than a year ago, but at other leading cities there was a gain of 1.5 per cent.

The Iron and Steel Market.

Demand for finished iron and steel is restricted by uncertainty regarding quotations, and until a more settled condition exists there will be no incentive to place contracts liberally, although it is known that much business is under consideration. Unfortunately cause and effect are interdependent, and the failure to place pending contracts tends to augment instability. In the trade there is a disposition to attribute all the ills of the industry to Wall street, and there is some reason for this statement.

Aside from special religious holiday interruptions, the dry goods market has remained unchanged. At first hands there is still a close attention to current requirements and no aggressiveness or disposition to make concessions on the part of either buyer or seller. Quotations are without change in any standard line of textiles, but the tone is slightly easier in the division embracing heavy weight brown cottons for export. This is largely attributed to the indifference of buyers for China.

The Outlook For Farm Products.

Conflicting reports continue to militate against stability in the markets for the great farm products, and on the whole the events of the past week have resulted in a lower level of quotations. The most important effect of lower prices was a better export movement, not only helping the domestic trade situation, but strengthening this country's international position, which was less favorable in recent preceding months. How far the low temperature has injured the corn crop is still a matter of conjecture, yet it is practically certain that heavy losses have occurred, and early estimates of a record breaking crop must be modified.

While comparing unfavorably with a normal year, the movement of corn for the week was much larger than last year, receipts of 2,549,244 bushels far surpassing the 2,549,355 of a year ago, and exports of 463,088 bushels comparing with 32,198 in 1902. Changes in wheat are less extreme, receipts of 6,712,617 bushels falling about 30 per cent short of last year's shipments, which were 9,012,829, while exports from all ports of the United States, flour included, were 3,029,345 bushels against 3,790,302 a year ago, when the outgo was abnormally light. Cotton declined in price as the new crop came to market more freely, notwithstanding numerous reports of ravages by insects in Texas. Exports increased moderately, although the outgo is still insignificant in comparison with normal years, as might be expected in view of the abnormal quotations for spot middling uplands.

Liabilities of commercial failures for the week amounted to \$6,079,008, of which \$2,016,534 were in manufacturing, \$2,566,794 in trading and \$596,430 in other commercial lines. Failures this week numbered 232 in the United States against 207 last year and 19 in Canada compared with 32 a year ago.

Radium Experiments.

Experiments made in Vienna make it seem probable that the radium rays will soon supersede the Roentgen rays and other surgical methods in the treatment of malignant diseases and skin blemishes.

New Forest of Redwoods.

The discovery of a big forest of redwoods is reported from Curry county, in the southwestern portion of the state of Oregon. Some of the trees are said to be twenty feet in diameter.